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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Rochester, N. Y., May 14, 1943.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Education Society of the State of New York was called to order in the Assembly Room of the Divinity School, in Rochester, N. Y., on Friday, May 14th, at 11:30 A. M.

In the absence of the President, the First Vice-President, Dr. George B. Cutten, presided. Prayer was offered by the Reverend Paul F. Swarthout, D.D., of Hamilton, N. Y.

The minutes of the previous meeting were submitted in printed form and were accepted, as was the report of the Treasurer, Mr. Carson.

Dr. Cutten, as Acting President of the Divinity School, presented his report in printed form, which was accepted and ordered printed as a part of the records of this meeting.

Mr. Gosnell, as chairman of the Nominating Committee appointed at the previous annual meeting, presented the report of his committee. He explained that on account of the unusual circumstances that exist at the close of this year, the Nominating Committee had decided to leave unfilled several positions on the Board of Trustees. Dr. J. D. Morrison and Dr. P. F. Swarthout were appointed tellers.

After the distribution and collection of the ballots, the tellers reported the following duly elected for the offices indicated, and the Vice-President declared such to be the fact.

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Upon vote the following were appointed as the Nominating Committee for the annual meeting in 1944, Mr. A. J. Gosnell, Mr. A. L. Stewart, Dr. George B. Cutten, Mr. Kendall B. Castle, Judge H. F. Remington.

Adjourned.

Glenn B. Ewell, *Secretary.*

Report of the Acting-President

TO

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OF

The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School

May 14, 1943

To the Board of Trustees of The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School:

Gentlemen:

As acting-President of this institution I beg leave to report as follows:

1. Trustees. The Board of Trustees has suffered the loss of three of its members by death during the past year. Dr. Albert W. Beaven who had served the Board as a member for thirty-two years and as president of the School for fourteen years died suddenly at Rochester on January 24, 1943; and Dr. Orlo J. Price, who had served as a member of the Board for twenty-one years died at Winter Park, Florida, on February 12, 1943. On May 3, Dr. Charles H. Sears died at Yonkers. He had served as a member of the Board for fifteen years. Recognition of Dr. Beaven's valuable services has already been made by suitable resolutions. I recommend that similar recognition be made of Dr. Price's and Dr. Sears' services and a copy of such resolutions be spread on the minutes and copies be also sent to members of their families.

Two members of our Board are serving in the forces of the United States, Col. Thomas H. Remington, chief attorney for the Ordnance Department of the State of New York for the area outside of New York City, and Mr. Kendall B. Castle, Jr., Captain in the Ordnance Procurement Department.

2. Dr. Beaven's Death. In addition to the resolutions already referred to, the Board or its committees has taken certain other actions. A committee was appointed to secure a fitting memorial to Dr. Beaven to commemorate his valuable services to the School. Three memorial volumes were suggested by organizations representing three phases of

denominational work. Dr. Baker began preparing a memorial to set forth his fine contributions to the School, the Lake Avenue Church began preparation of a memorial depicting his twenty years of efficient work as pastor of that church, and the Publication Society proposed a brochure to show the well-known and helpful way in which he ministered to the denomination as a whole. Happily the three efforts are being united to produce a fitting volume to set forth in a comprehensive manner his contribution to the different objects to which he devoted his life so successfully.

The Board voted to Mrs. Beaven the use of Montgomery House until the end of June and made other provisions to try to help her to make a readjustment to the new conditions so suddenly thrust upon her.

Dr. Beaven's death left a vacancy impossible to fill adequately, but in order to bridge the time gap until a new president could be secured, I was asked, at a special meeting of the Board held on February 10, to become acting-President; in the hope of being able to be of some assistance, I assumed the duties on March 1.

Dr. Beaven had planned to give a course during the Winter Semester on "Church Administration, Methods and Pastoral Duties." Dr. Morrison was asked to assume responsibility for this course, which he has done. On account of conflicting class hours he has had the assistance of the Rev. Gerald Watkins, pastor of Lake Avenue Baptist Church, who has taken one hour a week. In addition, Dr. Harold Nicely, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church has assisted in homiletical criticism.

3. Faculty. Dr. Winthrop Still Hudson, who was appointed Instructor in the History of Christianity, assumed his duties at the beginning of the Autumn Semester, and has been giving full service since. His book on John Ponet, published by the University of Chicago Press, has been receiving favorable criticism.

Dr. Beaven was on leave of absence for the Autumn Semester, and visited various schools studying administration and curricular problems.

Dr. Baker has been on leave of absence for the Winter Semester and has studied at New York, New Haven, and in North Carolina.

The salaries of Dr. Branton and Dr. Hudson have been changed according to arrangements previously made with them.

A serious accident having happened in March to Dr. Harry McNeil

of McMaster University, Dr. E. W. Parsons was invited to lecture there in the New Testament field for the remainder of the semester.

Dr. J. F. Vichert will be interim pastor at the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, beginning May 12.

4. Students. The attendance for the year has been as follows:

	1941–42	1942–43
Regular students	117	114
Unclassified	17	12
Total	134	126

Most of the members of the Senior Class have been or will shortly be satisfactorily placed. Four of them, at least, propose to accept chaplaincies in the armed forces, and four are going into mission work, three in the foreign field and one in home missions.

5. Alumni. Our records show that at least seventy-five of our graduates are chaplains with the armed forces.

6. Conferences and Convocations. The biennial meeting of The American Association of Theological Schools, of which Dr. Beaven was President, was held on our campus June 11 and 12, 1942. The most important matter for consideration was the relation of the Selective Service Act to the theological students and prospective students. Lieutenant-Commander Patrick H. Winston represented the Selective Service Headquarters in an address to the Conference, and answered many questions asked by the representatives from the nearly fifty schools. He assured the delegates that General Hershey was preparing a memorandum for the draft boards which would assist students who definitely hoped to attend theological schools, who had finished their sophomore year in college and who had been accepted by the seminary of their choice. Such a memorandum was issued during the summer and has been a great help in clarifying the situation.

On account of the restrictions on the use of gasoline and tires, it was deemed inadvisable to hold the Church Leaders Conference last August. The faculty has again postponed the conference due to be held next August.

Not again this century will Easter be as late as it is this year. On account of this late date, the spring Convocation usually held the week after Easter has been held in connection with the graduation exercises.

7. C.A.A. In September of last year, The Rochester Business Institute asked the Divinity School to co-operate in a Civil Aeronautics Administration War Training Service program. The Divinity School's part in the program was the housing and feeding of the trainees.

Inasmuch as our students were not using all of the available dormitory space, three floors in Eaton Hall were vacated for C.A.A. men. The number of trainees varied from month to month but the maximum was 120 men. The C.C.A. program has been curtailed, and the last of the trainees finished their course about April 15; no new trainees are available at present.

From the income resulting from this program, credits were taken to apply on heat, light, janitor service and other items in the maintenance budget. These credits were a factor in balancing our budget for the year ending April 30. The balance of income from this source has been placed in a reserve account for maintenance and depreciation, which will enable us to keep pace with the growing rate of depreciation on buildings and equipment.

8. Gifts. On the death of Dr. Beaven, the proceeds of an insurance policy of $1000 came as an unrestricted gift to the Divinity School.

Recently the gift of a beautiful silver tray and tea set for the use of the School was made in the name of Dr. and Mrs. Beaven. This gift will be much appreciated by those who will use it in future years, and the Executive Committee wrote to Mrs. Beaven, acknowledging the gift and thanking her on behalf of the Board.

The bequest of $10,000 from the estate of the late Russell Colgate, previously reported to you, has been paid to the School during the past year.

The late John R. McIntosh, of Rochester, left a bequest of $3,000 to be designated as follows:

Janet McIntosh Fund	$1000
John R. McIntosh Fund	1000
Mary M. McIntosh Fund	1000

The income from the first two funds is to be used for the support and maintenance of the Rochester Baptist Seminary, and that from the third fund for the support and maintenance of The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

The Education Society was also made the residuary legatee, the in-

come from which is to be divided equally between the two institutions. The residue is in real estate and mortgages, and has not yet been evaluated. It will probably not exceed $5,000.

9. Finances. The treasurer's report will show a small surplus in the operation of the year and a balanced budget for next year will be presented.

Following a loss from operations in the previous year, the treasurer's office took over the financial supervision of the Student Boarding Club in September 1937. In addition to paying dividends to the forty or fifty members every year since—except one—a reserve of $1450 has been accumulated. Before the fall of 1937, the club paid for gas and electricity but nothing more. Since then it has also paid $250 a year for heat and $250 for depreciation. On account of the presence of the trainees of the C.C.A. this year, an additional $125 was paid for each of the above objects for the first semester, and $1,787.26 was paid to the School for the first semester as profits on the business done with the trainees. The statement for the second semester cannot yet be presented, but will show a profit.

10. Library. The full report of Mr. Trost, our librarian, shows that the library has been doing its usual valuable and efficient work during the year. From the regular appropriation for books, a certain proportion of the unexpended book allowance has been put in reserve for the purchase of foreign publications after the war. The accessions for the year numbered 1341 of which 190 were gifts. Among these were certain interesting and valuable items from the library of the late Professor T. H. Pattison, donated by his son, Rev. Robert B. Pattison. The number of books in circulation has been somewhat less than usual, due to the gas rationing and the regulations concerning reserve and overnight books. However, students living off the campus have made a more liberal use of the Rochester Public Library. Both day and evening attendance in the reading room has increased considerably. The usual changes in student assistants have been made and we are pleased to report that the health of Miss Sayre, of our regular staff, continues to improve. The library exhibits have attracted considerable attention. Several factors, not the least of which is the enlistment of our graduates into the chaplaincy, have decreased the borrowings from the Alumni Lending Library during the year.

11. Student Services. The work of the extramural department, under the supervision of Dr. J. D. Morrison continues to grow. During the past year 98 of our students served churches in Rochester and vicinity as student-pastors and student-assistants.

Sixty-two were pastors, caring for 71 churches as follows: 24 Baptist, 20 Methodist, 11 Congregational, 13 other denominations.

The total membership of the churches of which our students are pastors is 8137.

On an average Sunday morning our students preached to 3744 people.

In addition they reached 701 young people each week through young people's meetings.

There was an average weekly attendance of 3085 at the Church Schools connected with these churches.

During the current year our student pastors made 13,349 calls or 219 per student.

Their churches raised a total of $130,993.33 for all purposes during the year. Of this, $94,275.15 was for current expenses and approximately $11,700.00 for benevolences.

During the year 330 new members were added, 228 of whom came by baptism, 102 by experience.

A comparative study covering the past three years reveals that these churches have shown a steady increase in practically every department. Especially notable for the current year has been the increase in the amount of money raised for all purposes. In 1940–41 the amount was $56,141 while in the current year the amount was $130,993.

Thirty-six of our students serve as Assistants, Directors of Religious Education, Sunday School teachers, etc., in 30 churches in Rochester and vicinity (10 Baptist, 9 Presbyterian, 4 Methodist, and 7 other denominations). Their hours of service range from 1 to 30 hours per week. The average is about 10 hours per student.

In remuneration they receive various amounts from 0 to $300 per school year. The total amount received by the 36 students is $4,032. The average per student is $112.

The measure of co-operation which members of the faculty have been able to give through personal visits to the churches has been limited by gasoline restrictions. Nevertheless, the faculty made over 90 visits to churches where our students are serving as pastors. This includes

visits on account of ordination services and visits on the part of the Supervisor to confer with Pulpit Committees.

12. Future. Conditions are so uncertain that it is difficult to forecast the number of students in the entering class next fall but it will probably be in the neighborhood of twenty compared with the normal entrance class of thirty-five. The new programs in the arts colleges, eliminating so much of the regular arts work and the declining number of students may necessitate changes in the requirements for schools such as this which has always required a B.A. degree as one condition for entrance. The conditions for granting degrees are prescribed by the Department of Education of the State of New York, and we shall have to await its action. The attitude of other theological seminaries will naturally have some effect upon us.

13. Fund Raising Survey. The report of the Fund Raising Survey made by Marts and Lundy was received by President Beaven the last of August. Revised by our own knowledge and interpretation, it proved of value. Its chief help seemed to be its emphasis on and methods for a public relations program, which should precede any fund raising, and which would be equally valuable for bringing the School before the public as an educational institution.

Conditions have changed considerably in the year since this survey was made, especially since the alterations in the draft regulations have almost destroyed the liberal arts colleges and hence removed the source of our student supply. With the probability of a sharp decline in our enrollment next fall, with continued declines to follow, the time does not seem to be propitious for an extended public relations program or for a financial campaign. However, the public relations program should be considered independently of a financial campaign as having specific values of its own, and this whole matter might be referred to the Committee on Long Term Planning.

Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships

Upon the advice of the Faculty, I am recommending to you that Fellowship and Graduate Scholarship awards be made to the following graduates of this School:

For Fellowships

William C. Walzer (partial grant) to complete work for his doctorate at the University of Chicago, $100.00.

Harmon R. Holcomb (on the Ayer Lectureship Foundation) to continue work in Harvard University, $600.00.

Everett L. Perry (on the Rauschenbusch Lectureship Foundation) to complete work for doctorate, $150.00.

Graduate Scholarships

Charles P. Devereaux (on the Rauschenbusch Lectureship Foundation) for the continued study of Clinical Theology, $400.00.

Vladimir E. Hartman (on the Rauschenbusch Lectureship Foundation) to continue graduate study in Rural Sociology at the University of North Carolina, $150.00.

Donald S. Hobbs to begin work at the University of Chicago for the doctorate, $400.00.

Candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity

The faculty further recommends the following members of the Senior class as candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity:

Glenn Victor Alty
Soren Henry Andresen
Loyde O. Aukerman
Wallace Vernon Ault
Wendell Lloyd Bailey
Royal Valentine Bauser
Erwin David Bennett
Lewis Milo Blackmer
Lewis Mills Brehaut
Marion Edward Clark
Gordon Spencer Deer
Moses Nathaniel Delaney
Charles Pointon Devereaux
Daniel Webster Fowler
Gordon Arthur Gilbert
Jean Burks Gilbert
Tracy Greer Gipson
Robert Theodore Handy

Arthur George Heath
Robert Marion Hutchings
Franklin Bishop Laundry
Florian Leo Lewno
Albert Marion McCartney
Paul Otto Madsen
Jack Ricks Noffsinger
Isaiah Prince Pogue
Lewis Harvey Scott
Robert Franklin Spencer
Robert Ades Vick

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE B. CUTTEN,
Acting-President.

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